

Middlesex Recreation Commission
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Commission Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2016

Vice Chair Rich Rutkowski opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Kevin Dotey
Cassius Kennick
Rich Rutkowski
Lileen Schwarz

Members Absent:

Bob May
Sherley Penrose
Rich Tarbous

Also present:

John Madden, Council Liaison
Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director

Kevin Dotey made a motion to accept May 2016 minutes with a second by Cassius Kennick and approved by all members present.

Public Session:

No one present

Directors Report

- Basketball Clinics with Coach Goldstein ran through June 6th. There are 30 children registered. We are planning a fall session for Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Baseball/Softball total registration is 138. Games are ending between June 11th and June 21st.
- Buddy Ball Soccer program has ended. There is a meeting set up with the program coordinators on June 22nd at 6pm in the Rec Center to go over the fall programs.
- Yoga new session will run from May 9th until July 11th. There are 10 registered so far.
- Toddler program Happy Camper Club registration is out and we are offering 5 weeks.
- Movie in the Park movie nights will be held on July 8th and in conjunction with National Night Out on August 2nd. Daddy Day Care will be shown on July 8th.
- PonyShare summer camp week will be held from July 11th to July 14th in Mt. View Park.

- Tennis US Sports Institute will offer a Thursday and/or Sunday tennis program starting mid-April at Mt. View Park. There will also be a four day tennis camp the weeks of July 5th and August 15th.
- US Sports will be running two sessions of multi sports programs for ages 3-5 in Mt. View Park. One session will begin in April and the other in June.
- Summer Playground has 92 children registered. Hazelwood site has been closed due to low enrollment. All the participants have been notified via email and postal mail. Right now there are 33 children at Watchung and 58 at the High School and there is one undecided.
- Slide at Haverstick Park – steps on the dinosaur slide are damaged from years of wear and tear. The governing body has allocated capital funds to replace slide and we are just waiting for approval.

Councilmatic report

1. Councilman Madden questioned the details about the licensing fees for the Movies in the Park if there is inclement weather. Recreation Director explained if the weather is bad and the movie night is rescheduled the licensing fee company will work with her to reschedule the license too.

Trust Account and Account details report

Motion to accept made by Kevin Dotey pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Lileen Schwarz. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

Commission Committee reports- No reports

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence - None

Volunteer nomination - None

New Business

1. Recreation Director asked for approval of the rates for the Summer Playground Staff. Motion to accept the rates for the Summer Playground Staff was made by Cassius Kennick with a second by Kevin Dotey. The roll was called and all were in agreement.
2. Recreation Director discussed if a policy or statement should be created regarding pictures or videos posted to social media of children involved in Recreation activities. The Commission was all in agreement that the Recreation Director should speak to our attorney and go under his advisement on what steps, if any, should be taken.

Old Business

1. Still seeking full time help in the Recreation Director's Office. Recreation Director explained that the help doesn't have to be full time but can be part time for 15

hours a week. Councilman Madden will bring the suggestion of part time help up to the council. Councilman Madden explained full or part time help will not be approved at this time.

2. Recreation Commission is still working on ways to resolve issue with closing west side of road in the back of MVP. Recreation Director is going to meet with DPW the week of May 16th as to where to put new signs and paint crosswalk.
3. One hour prior to regular July 11th meeting the policy sub-committee will meet to review the policy as required.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Rutkowski read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:38 p.m., Commissioner Kevin Dotey made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Cassius Kennick.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be July 11th, 2016, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary